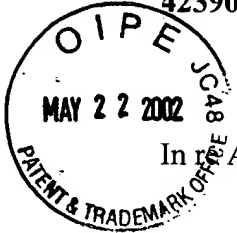


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Ali Keshavarzi et al.

Application No.: 09/469,406

Filed: December 22, 1999

For: DECOUPLING CAPACITORS FOR THIN
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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This is in response to the final Office action dated February 22, 2002. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

ENTIRE SET OF PENDING CLAIMS (Clean version)

29. A die, comprising:
a first conductor carrying a power supply voltage;
a second conductor carrying a ground voltage; and
a semiconductor decoupling capacitor to provide decoupling capacitance between the first and second conductors, the semiconductor decoupling capacitor including:

- (a) a gate electrode coupled to the first conductor to receive the power supply voltage,
- (b) a diffusion coupled to the second conductor to receive the ground voltage, and
- (c) a body to receive the ground voltage through the diffusion, the semiconductor decoupling capacitor thereby being in depletion mode.

30. The die of claim 29, wherein gate electrode is p-type and the diffusion and the

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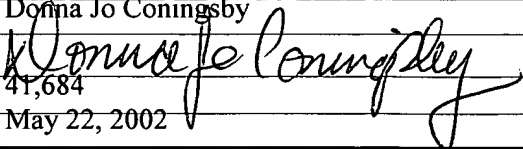
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